

APPROVED
COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES
MEETING MINUTES OF
May 23, 2011

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 P.M.

Present: Chair Krongold, Vice-Chair Harp, Commissioners Deutsch, Fort, Lord-Hausman, Moore, Tam and Warren.

Absent: Commissioners Kirola and Nielsen.

2. MINUTES

2-A. The minutes were approved with no changes.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/NON-AGENDA (PUBLIC COMMENT)

None.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4-A. Alameda Unified School District (Susan Mitchell, Director of Special Education):

Susan Mitchell, director of special education, distributed information regarding AUD special education services and locations. Ms. Mitchell stated AUD is working on updating their information to get out to the public. There are various new programs and facilities, including an autism-specific program for pre-school. All sites will have resource specialists for each location. Ms. Mitchell discussed the various programs, specific to each grade level and potential funding and possible reduction in services based on funding availability. AUD encourages parent-participation and community involvement.

Commissioner Lord-Hausman asked if the number of children in special education has changed to which Ms. Mitchell responded it has not significantly changed; was 10% of the student population and is now 9.9%.

Commissioner Warren asked if special needs include gifted children to which Ms. Mitchell responded it is based on special education law and those children with special needs.

Commissioner Moore asked what the (CDI) Community could do to support the program to which Ms. Mitchell responded support for a continuum of the various programs at each school and English-speaking learners. Chair Krongold acknowledged that Ms. Mitchell is also on the work group for the resource fair.

5. OLD BUSINESS

5-A. CDI Vision Planning (Chair Krongold):

Continued discussion of future events.

- Banner (Webster/Lincoln – September 13-20; Park/Lincoln – Sept. 20-27):
Keep on the Agenda.
- Film/Art Exhibit (October 6, 2011):
Change name to an “Evening of Art”. Commissioner Warren stated the projects are coming together and the focus is on publicity, marketing and sponsors for refreshments. The event will occur at the Main Library.
- CDI Resource Fair (October 2011):
Chair Krongold read minutes from the Work Group meeting (which will be an attachment to the original CDI agenda and minutes). Chair Krongold asked the CDI to brainstorm on a name for the event and a resource guide.
- Tree Planting (October 15, 2011):
Jodi will follow up with John McDonald, AR&PD to firm up the location.

5-B. City Council Meeting Report (Commissioner Fort):

Report on issues of relevance from biweekly Council meeting.

Nothing to report.

5-C. Planning Board Meeting Report (Commissioner Lord-Hausman):

Report out from meeting.

Nothing to report.

6. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

- 6-A. Secretary Akil discussed proposed structural changes to the City’s Boards and Commissions. The City Council has formed a sub-committee for further community engagement. The issue will return to Council for further consideration following that process.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

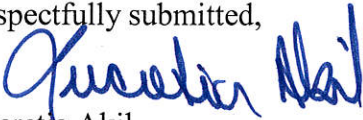
- 7-A. Chair Krongold, discussed the Accessible Yoga Classes at Alameda Hospital working with Louise Nakada to make it a regular Wednesday class.

- 7-B. Chair Krongold discussed information regarding SuperFest: the International Disability Film Fair to be held between June 17 – 19 in Berkeley.
- 7-C. Commissioner Lord-Hausman discussed the curb cut issue at Alameda Avenue. It is funded by Cal-Trans and will begin in August..
- 7-D. Commissioner Lord-Hausman discussed a Universal Design for Housing seminar at the Ed Roberts Campus on June. 28th. It is sponsored by Alameda County Healthy Homes Project.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, June 27, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Board Secretary